

2009-107 AUDIT SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES—California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation—Inmate Population

The audit by the bureau will provide independently developed and verified information related to the CDCR and will include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Review and evaluate the laws, rules, and regulations significant to the audit objectives.
2. Review the current cost to house inmates and stratify the costs by security level, age, gender, or by any other category tracked by CDCR. Determine the reasons for any significant cost variations among such levels and categories.
3. Determine how many inmates CDCR has sent to other states and calculate the State's cost and impact on CDCR's budget.
4. Analyze the CDCR's budget to determine the amounts allocated to vocational training, rehabilitation, and education programs.
5. For a sample of institutions offering the vocational training, rehabilitation, and education programs, review CDCR's system for determining the number of instructors and custody staff needed for inmates to participate in these programs. If such staffing is inadequate, determine if any inmates have been denied access to these programs.
6. To the extent possible, determine the costs for incarceration under the three strikes law. At a minimum, this assessment should include determining the incarceration costs for each of the following three scenarios:
 - a. The third strike was not a serious and violent felony.
 - b. One or more of the strikes was committed as a juvenile.
 - c. Multiple strikes were committed during one criminal offense.
7. Calculate the annual overtime pay since 2002 for CDCR employees, including correctional officers and custody staff and investigate the reasons for significant fluctuations.
8. Review the number of vacant positions during the last five years and determine whether the number of vacancies affects the annual overtime costs and whether filling vacancies would save the CDCR money.
9. Determine the extent to which CDCR currently uses and plans to use telemedicine. Further, determine if by using telemedicine CDCR is reducing inmate medical and custody costs and the cost to transport and guard inmates outside the prison environment.